एच.ई.सी.रांची में धातु को क्षति

679. **श्री शिबू सोरेन**: क्या उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि हाल ही में भारी इंजीनियरी निगम लिमिटेड रांची में प्रबंधन की लापरवाही से 20 लाख रूपये से भी अधिक मूल्य की धातु बर्बाद हो गई ;

(ख) यदि हां,तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या हैं;

(ग) इस संबंध में दोषी पाये गये अधिकारियों के खिलाफ की गई कार्रवाई का ब्यौरा क्या हैं;

(घ) भविष्य में इस प्रकार की बर्बादी को रोकने के लिए कौन-कौन से उपाय अपनाए जा रहे हैं;और

(ड़) विगत पांच वर्षो के दौरान निगम में इस तहर हुए घाटे का वर्षवार ब्यौरा क्या हैं ?

उद्योग मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सुखबीर सिंह बादल): (क) और (ख) ग्राहकों से प्राप्त हुए दो अलग-अलग रेखाचित्रों की गलत व्याख्या करने के कारण 7.5 लाख रूपये की सामग्री की घाटा हुआ था,यद्यपि भविष्य के संचलनों में कुछ सामग्री को बचा लिया जाएगा ।

(ग) उत्तरदायी अधिकारी के खिलाफ अनुशासनात्मक कार्रवाई की गई है और दंड दिया गया हैं ।

(घ) प्रौद्योगिकी (प्रक्रिया) की तैयारी और जांच पड़ताल की द्विस्तरीय प्रणाली को लागू किया गया है ।

(ड़) पिछले पांच वर्षो में कोई नुकसान का दृष्टांत नहीं हुआ हैं ।

Operation of PMRY
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680. SHRI JAYANT KUMAR MALHOUTRA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made a detailed study of the operation of Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana particularly in the backward districts in the country;

(b) if so, the number of people benefited from this scheme in the State of Uttar Pradesh; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to make this scheme better result oriented?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI SIKANDER BAKHT): (a) Yes, Sir. Evaluation/sample survey on All India basis have been carried out of Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana.

(b) As per the report received from the Uttar Pradesh Government, 181126 persons were sanctioned loan, 136915 persons were disbursed loan since 1993-94 (inception of the scheme) up to 1998-99 (up to Jan., '99).

(c) The scheme has recently been modified. The salient features of the modifications are : Age relaxation by 10 years for women, scheduled . Castes/ Scheduled Tribes, physically handicapped and ex-servicemen; the educational qualification has been lowered to VIIIth passed; agro & allied activities excluding direct agricultural operations have been brought under the ambit of the scheme. Further, from the forthcoming financial year i.e. 1999-2000, project cost shall be revised from Rs. 1.00 lakh to Rs. 2.00 lakh for all activities, except business activities.

Patents for products derived from Indian plants

681. SHRI K.R. MALKANI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether US Patent and Trade Marks Office has granted scores of patents for products derived from more than twenty Indian plants, as reported in the Asian Age, dated the 8th March, 1998; and

(b) what Government are doing to stop this bio-piracy of India's natural wealth?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI SIKANDER BAKHT): (a) and (b) Patents are granted by respective Governments under their patents laws and rights thereunder are restricted to the territorial boundary of the country. Whenever information is received about patents being taken on certain products